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- 1. NO LOS DEVELOPMENTS IN IVORY COAST TO REPORT SINCE CONCLUSION OF LAST SESSION IN MAY.
- 2. IN IVORY COAST, ACTION RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOS MATTERS RESTS WITH MINISTER OF MARINE AFFAIRS LAMINE FADIGA INSTEAD OF FOREIGN MINISTER. FADIGA INTENDS TO ATTEND PERSONALLY DECISIVE PHASE OF FORTHCOMING LOS SESSION IN NEW YORK. FOREIGN MINISTER IS NOT RPT NOT EXPECTED TO ATTEND. DURING LAST SESSION, FADIGA WAS IN CONSTANT TOUCH BY PHONE WITH IVORY COAST DELEGATION IN NEW YORK. EMBASSY KNOWS OF NO DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MINISTER AND LOS DELEGATION.
- 3. FADIGA IS YOUNG TECHNOCRAT (CAREER NAVY OFFICER) WHO IS FAVORABLY INCLINED TO UNITED STATES AND HAS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED INTEREST IN CONTINUING DIALOGUE WITH US IN ATTEMPTING REACH PRAGMATIC COMPROMISE ON LOS ISSUES. FYI FADIGA IS ALSO KEENLY INTERESTED IN PLACING IVORIANS FROM HIS MINISTRY IN TRAINING IN US UNIVERSITIES AND MARITIME ACADEMIES. END FYI.
- 4. EMBASSY WOULD ALSO NOTE THAT WHILE FADIGA IS IN DAY-TO-DAY CHARGE OF IVORY COAST LOS QUESTIONS, WHEN NEGOTIATIONS COME TO CRUCIAL STAGE REQUIRING KEY POLICY CHOICES IT WILL UNQUESTIONABLY BE GOIC PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET BOIGNY WHO MAKES THE FINAL DECISIONS. CRAWFORD

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